

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 1181  
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A RESOLUTION to congratulate Larry and Wanda Collins on the celebration of their fiftieth wedding anniversary.

WHEREAS, this General Assembly takes great pleasure in paying tribute to those successful marriages that have stood the test of time to serve as exemplars for present and future generations; and

WHEREAS, on July 31, 1954, Larry Collins and Wanda Wallace were joined in holy matrimony, and since that fateful day this outstanding couple has faced the world as one, basking in the glow of their love for each other during both life's joys and sorrows; and

WHEREAS, the son of the late Maurice Collins and Lorelle Vanatta Collins, Larry Collins was born on August 6, 1933; and

WHEREAS, the daughter of the late Arthur and Evelyn Matlock Wallace, Wanda Collins was born on July 5, 1933; and

WHEREAS, both Mr. and Mrs. Collins are 1951 graduates of Sumner County High School, where they met and were high school sweethearts; and

WHEREAS, upon graduation, Mr. Collins joined with the ranks of the many brave men and women who had defended this Nation as he enlisted for two years of service with the United States Army; and

WHEREAS, Mr. and Mrs. Collins have been highly respected citizens of the Portland community for many years; they are the very epitome of good neighbors, as they always endeavor to treat others as they would like to be treated; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Collins is the founder of Collins Construction Company, a company he started with only one bulldozer; he was also responsible for the formation of Volunteer State Bank in 1977 and has served as Chairman of the Board of Directors; and

WHEREAS, having long been a dynamic force behind Sumner County's industrial growth and expansion, Mr. Collins has served his community with acumen and alacrity in all of his endeavors, and has gained the respect of many for the exemplary quality of his work; and

WHEREAS, Mr. and Mrs. Collins are active members of the Portland First Baptist Church, and both have made myriad contributions to the community through their service on various business and community boards; and

WHEREAS, their many accomplishments aside, Mr. and Mrs. Collins are most proud of their five children and their families: sons, Johnny, Joey and his wife Kathleen, Jeff and his wife Robyn, Jason and his wife Tammy, and daughter, Jaska and her husband Johnny; and

WHEREAS, Mr. and Mrs. Collins are also the loving grandparents of seven grandchildren: Grant Collins, Andrea Collins, Amy Collins, Megann Sheucraft, Cody Jo Collins, Larry Joe Collins, and Mason Collins; and

WHEREAS, for fifty years this blessed union has grown and prospered as an expression of time-honored family values and selfless love; and

WHEREAS, marriages such as the Collins's are truly the rock-solid foundation upon which our society is built and a beacon of hope and continuity in these turbulent times; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and congratulate Larry and Wanda Collins on the celebration of their fiftieth wedding anniversary and extend to them our best wishes for much continued happiness in the years to come.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.